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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references which were found during the prosecution of a co-pending European patent application:

U.S. Patent No. 3,619,699
U.S. Patent No. 4,847,534
U.S. Patent No. 5,001,397
EP Patent Application No. 273 505 A1
EP Patent Application No. 579 429 A1
EP Patent Application No. 910 111 A2
EP Patent Application No. 917 180 A1

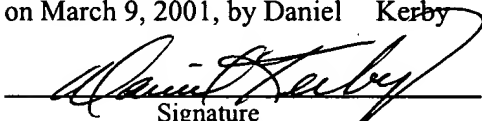
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The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a corresponding European patent application no more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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